Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, Richmond, June 3, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 74.

I. The Congress of the Confederate States, having failed to recognize the appointment of provost marshals from persons not belonging to the army, or to make appropriation for the services of those persons who had been employed in that capacity, hereafter no such appointments will be made.

II. The Generals of departments will report the posts at which provost marshals are needed, with the number of provost or other guards at the same, and recommend for appointment suitable officers for the same.

III. In all cases preference will be given to competent officers who have become disabled, by wounds or other infirmity, for active field duty.

IV. At all the posts not supplied before the 1st of July with provest marshals belonging to the army, in accordance with this order, the office will be considered as abolished.

By order.

S. COOPER,

Adjutant and Inspector General.